

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

REMOVABLE STENT.

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on March 30, 2006 as U.S. Application No. 10/573,948

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
				Yes	No
PCT/US2004/031886	WO	09/29/2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
60/507,282	US	09/30/2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Customer Number 00826

Direct telephone calls to:

Trent A. Kirk
Registration No. 54,223
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

Full name of (first/sole) inventor: Thomas Nissl

Inventor's

Signature: [Signature] Date: 03.06.2007

Residence: Winsen / Luhe, Germany

Citizenship: German

Mailing Address: Boschstrasse 16
D-21423 Winsen / Luhe
GERMANY

Full name of second inventor: Eric K. Mangiardi

Inventor's

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/13/07

Residence: Charlotte, NC

Citizenship: United States of America

Mailing Address: 701 Queens Road
Charlotte, NC 28211